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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PANAMA: DRAFT DECLARATION RESURFACES.

1. PERM SEC AT FOREIGN OFFICE, FRANK FRANCIS, HAS JUST GIVEN  
US FOLLOWING TEXT OF "DRAFT DECLARATION OF PANAMA". JAMAICANS  
RECEIVED THE DRAFT YESTERDAY FROM THE VENEZUELAN IN CARACAS  
WITH REQUEST TO TALK TO THE US ABOUT IT. COMMENTARY ON TEXT,  
FRANCIS SAID IT COVERS THE AGENDA POINTS WE RAISED WITH JAMAICANS  
EARLIER (PER STATE 146222), THAT VENEZUELAN HAD CONSULTED WITH  
WITH A "NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES" ON THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION  
AND THAT IT LOOKED ACCEPTABLE TO THE JAMAICANS.

2. DRAFT DECLARATION OF PANAMA

HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF... MEETING IN PANAMA  
CITY, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA ON 16TH JUNE, 1978, AT THE INVITATION  
OF HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO WITNESS THE SIGNATURE  
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OF THE PROTOCOL RATIFYING THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
REAFFIRMING THEIR BELIEF IN THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE  
CHARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICAN STATES; CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION  
WHICH COOPERATION AMONG STATES IN THE HEMISPHERE CAN MAKE TO  
THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;  
RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO FOSTER SUCH COOPERATION WITH THE  
PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES OF THE HEMISPHERE ON THE BASIS  
OF SOVEREIGN EQUALTY; CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO RESOLVE ALL  
DISPUTES IN THE HEMISPHERE BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND TO PROMOTE  
COOPERATION THROUGH CONTINUING AND MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE;  
STRESSING OUR CONVICTION THAT THE FULL REALIZATION OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THESE RIGHTS IN THE  
CIVIL, POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS ARE ESSENTIAL  
FACTORS IN THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND  
THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLES;

3. SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

A. PROFOUND SATISFACTION WITH THE RATIFICATION OF  
THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC  
OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES  
ON THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND  
FOR THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND  
UNDERSTANDING WHICH GUIDED THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO  
THIS MOMENTOUS CONCLUSION. THIS RESOLVES A LONG-  
STANDING PROBLEM IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND  
PAVES THE WAY FOR A NEW BEGINNING IN FRIENDLY AND  
PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE.

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B. THIS OCCASION MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA  
IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS TO BE CHARACTERIZED  
BY A DETERMINATION TO RESOLVE ALL AREAS OF FRICTION  
IN THE REGION BY PEACEFUL MEANS SO THAT ATTENTION  
CAN BE FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND  
INTEGRATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND TO STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AMONG THE  
PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA. THIS NEW ERA IN INTER-  
AMERICAN COOPERATION MUST ALSO BE GOVERNED BY THE  
DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND JUSTICE IN  
THE RELATIONS AMONG STATES TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

C. FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE  
ON THE BASIS OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AMONG ALL STATES,  
IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES AND THE PROTECTION AND  
ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS RECOGNISED THAT  
EVERY STATE HAS THE RIGHT FREELY TO CHOOSE THE PATH  
OF ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

D. THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

IN LATIN AMERICA MUST BE REINFORCED BY A DETERMINATION OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. IT IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND A REDUCTION IN MILITARY EXPENDITURE IN LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE CONDITIONS FOR EFFECTIVE LIMITATION OF ARMS IN THE REGION THEREBY INCREASING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

E. PROGRESS AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE REGION REQUIRE THE FULFILMENT OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL TERRITORIES  
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WITHIN THE REGION FOR SELF-DTERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UTNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND PEOPLES.

F. IN REGARD TO BELIZE THEREIS AN URGENT NEED FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF EFFORTS TOWARDS A SECURE INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

G. REITERATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND AFFIRM THE POLITICAL DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS BRING CONCRETE AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS EXPEDITIOUSLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

H. STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING ECDC. IN THIS CONTEXT THE INITIATIVES BEING TAKEN BY LATIN AMERICA TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC COOPERATION INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS CONSTITUTE A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY WHICH DESERVES FULL INTERNATION SUPPORT.

I. IN EMBARKING UPON THIS NEW ERA OF COOPERATION WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE WE SOLEMNLY PLEDGE OUR UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR THESE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE AND HARMONY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. END TEXT  
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